

D-5 Visual Impacts of Parking Structures

The visibility of all at-grade parking structures or accessory parking garages should be minimized. The parking portion of a structure should be architecturally compatible with the rest of the structure and streetscape. Open parking spaces and carports should be screened from the street and adjacent properties.

Examples

- Incorporating any of the blank wall treatments listed in Guideline D-6.
- Incorporating active retail spaces reduces the visual impact of parking structures in commercial areas and creates activity along the street front.
- Visually integrating the parking structure/entrance into the overall architecture of the whole project by continuing a frieze, cornice, canopy, overhang, trellis or other devices from adjacent structures along the facade of parking structure.
- Reducing the size of garage entrances lessens the visual impact it will have on the street front.
- Using recessed lighting or using baffles or valances deep enough to screen interior light sources.